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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 7,10,12,13,37, 39-42,44 and 47.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8-14-07, 4-1-09
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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